BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 93-787-G - ORDER NO. 94-545

JUNE 8, 1994

IN RE: Application of Piedmont Natural Gas ) ORDER Company for Approval of an Integrated Resource Plan. ) ARGUMENTS

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the May 31, 1994 Motion to Compel Document Production filed by Duke Power Company (Duke) against Piedmont Natural Gas Company (Piedmont). Duke, a party of record in this docket moved for an Order compelling Piedmont to provide responses to Staff Data Requests 7(b) and 8(b). Duke states its belief that 7(b) and 8(b) discuss fuel switching and other concerns directly related to the electric industry. Duke states that in order to adequately address these issues and protect its interest, Duke believes that it is necessary to obtain responses to these Data Requests. Piedmont, at this time, refuses to provide the requested responses claiming confidentiality and citing antitrust considerations.

The Commission believes that oral arguments are necessary and reasonable in order to clarify the issues in this matter. While the issue of fuel switching is certainly of great interst to Duke, Piedmont apparently has major reservations about furnishing this particular information. The Commission would like to hear these

matters argued in greater detail. Therefore, the Commission holds that the Staff shall set up oral arguments for the argument of this question at such time as Staff shall find appropriate. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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